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Conclusion

wherein a signal associated with the evoked response is sensed between at least one of said atrial electrodes and said ventricular electrodes; and

(e) coupling capacitors having a combined reduced capacitance that [together] attenuate afterpotentials which result due to the application of the pacing stimulus to the heart by said cardiac pacing system, said capacitors being electrically coupled to said pacing circuit.

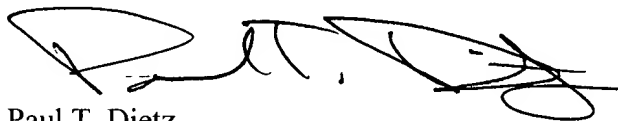
In Claim 23, line 2, please delete "means" and insert therefore --circuit--.

In Claim 30, line 2, please delete "means" and insert therefore --circuit--.

REMARKS

The amendments to the claims as proposed above overcomes each of the claim rejections raised by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112 in the final Action in the parent application dated March 17, 2000. Further, the above amendments are believed to put the claims in condition for allowance and favorable consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments is hereby earnestly solicited.

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